


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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1. (currently amended) A crystalline choline ascorbate.
  2. (original) A crystalline choline ascorbate as claimed in claim 1 in the form of crystals free from water of crystallization.
  3. (currently amended) A crystalline choline ascorbate as claimed in claim 1, wherein the diffraction lines at  $d = 3.80 \text{ \AA}$  and  $4.55 \text{ \AA}$  are most intense in the range between  $3.40$  and  $4.70 \text{ \AA}$  in the  $2 \theta$  X-ray powder diffractogram.
  4. (original) A crystalline choline ascorbate as claimed in claim 3, wherein the intensity ratio of the diffraction lines at  $d = 3.80 \text{ \AA}$  and  $d = 4.55 \text{ \AA}$  is at least  $0.5$ .
  5. (original) A crystalline choline ascorbate as claimed in claim 3, wherein the intensity ratio of the diffraction lines at  $d = 3.80 \text{ \AA}$  and  $d = 4.67 \text{ \AA}$  is at least  $0.4$ .
  6. (currently amended) A process for preparing crystalline choline ascorbate by reacting ascorbic acid with trimethylamine and ethylene oxide, which comprises carrying out the reaction in the temperature range from  $-105^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $405^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
  7. (original) A process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the reaction is carried out in a water-miscible organic solvent.
  8. (original) A process as claimed in claim 7, wherein choline ascorbate is crystallized in the solvent used for the reaction.
  9. (original) A choline ascorbate obtainable by a process defined according to claim 6.
  10. (currently amended) Drugs ~~The use of~~ comprising the choline ascorbate claimed in ~~defined according to claim 1 for producing drugs.~~
  11. (currently amended) Additives in foods, additives in animal feeds or food supplements

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comprising ~~The use of the~~ choline ascorbate claimed ~~defined according to~~ in claim 1 as  
additive in foods, animal feeds, or as a component in food supplements.

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